Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 19 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 20 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 Feb 2021 at 14:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Friday 19 Feb 2021: Heavy rain and severe gales. Early summit snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 19 Feb 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	60%	80%	80%	60%	70%	50%

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Weather: Mainly dry during the early hours. Rain and snow developing by dawn, becoming heavy and persistent during daylight hours. Snow initially above 800m with blizzard conditions, but it will turn to rain at all levels in the afternoon. Gales or severe gales with buffeting and a severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 20%, extensive cloud base 600m or less, perhaps nearer 900m at first around Glen Coe and the north.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and very poor at height, whiteout conditions possible at first. Occasionally good low down.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/34 SW	37/48 S	58/74 SE	61/79 S	53/70 S	44/59 S	40/53 S	32/43 S	26/36 S
900	21/29 SW	28/37 S	38/52 SE	41/55 S	37/52 S	31/45 S	28/41 S	23/34 S	19/29 S
600	26/33 SW	36/46 S	52/66 SE	55/71 S	53/68 S	42/56 S	36/48 S	29/39 S	23/31 S
300	14/24 SW	17/28 S	29/43 SE	30/44 SE	29/45 S	24/38 S	21/34 S	16/28 S	13/24 S
Glen	10/22 SW	10/25 S	16/37 SE	19/41 SE	20/43 S	18/37 S	15/34 S	10/24 S	9/21 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-11	-5/-15	-4/-15	-3/-15	-1/-12	1/-8	1/-7	1/-7	-0/-7
900	-0/-7	-2/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	1/-7	2/-4	3/-4	3/-3	2/-3
600	2/-5	2/-6	2/-7	2/-6	4/-4	6/-1	6/0	6/0	5/0
300	4/-0	3/-2	3/-3	4/-2	6/1	7/2	8/4	8/4	7/4
Glen	6/2	5/1	5/1	6/2	8/4	9/6	9/6	9/7	8/6
Freezing Level*	800m	600m	700m	800m	1500m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A very poor day in the mountains.

Forecast for Saturday 20 Feb 2021
Weather: Mostly cloudy overnight and during the morning with occasional rain and drizzle. The rain turning heavy and persistent through the afternoon and into the evening. Winds also strengthening with gales or severe gales, buffeting and wind chill.

Maximum wind: South 30 to 40mph gusting 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 20%, extensive cloud, base around 600m.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and drizzle and very poor at height. Good or very good at times lower down in the morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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